

MORE PRICE FIXING DESIRABLE SAYS THE TRADE COMM.

Body Also Desires to Have
Its Investigating Pow-
ers Broadened.

HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR

Many Important Investiga-
tions Were Made by
Commissioners.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Extension of the government's price fixing power to other products than food and fuel and especially to iron and steel, is believed necessary to the Federal Trade Commission in the light of experience gained in investigating economic conditions since the United States entered the war. Recommendation that a temporary administrative body be established to determine a reasonable price for prime necessities and also to regulate the distribution of raw materials and finished products was made in the commission's annual report, submitted today to Congress.

Other recommendations suggest that the commission's power of obtaining information be broadened to authorize requirement of reports from individuals engaged in commerce, as well as corporations; that information gathered by temporary semi-official organizations such as the Council on Correspondence, be ordered preserved; that trade association files should be made public records; that investigation of foreign trade conditions be made to permit proper measures with regard to American industrial organization now and when formal proceedings, leaving 191 complaints still under investigation. Applications for remedial procedure by the commission showed a decrease from the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, in nine cases during the last year the commission issued formal complaints and in four the matter was disposed of by the issuance of orders to cease and desist.

Beside its regulatory functions, the commission has been engaged in economic investigations, the most important of which concerned the newsprint paper, gasoline and coal industries. At the request of the President, the commission has undertaken extensive inquiries into industries furnishing war supplies to the government and information thus obtained is being used as a basis for government contracts.

Regarding the necessity for governmental price-fixing, the report says: "The experience of this government in the question of fixing prices is one that has been carefully followed by the commission, which has furnished extensive data for this purpose to the Fuel Administration and to the War Industries Board. The commission has also had under consideration the experience of other countries in this matter, and particularly England and her colonies, France and other allies. It is convinced that price-fixing by authority of law will have to be extended to other products than food and fuel, and that such authority is preferably exercised today. In particular it is of the opinion that such price-fixing power should be established and exercised with respect to the iron and steel industry, for which a bill has already been introduced in the Senate. Equally important, in its opinion, with the fixing of reasonable prices is the regulation of the distribution of the raw material and intermediate products in the industry affected and of the distribution of the final products to the consumer. In this connection also should be considered the question whether punitive contracts made prior to the passage of a price-fixing

law should be allowed to be enforced. This commission is of the opinion that the exact merits of the proposition might differ somewhat in different industries. With respect to the iron and steel industry, however, it believes that the greatest public advantage would be attained by not allowing such contracts to be fulfilled at least over long periods of time in the case of coal. It is of the opinion of the commission that the bona fide contracts of sale made prior to the enactment of the law would militate against the most successful operation of price fixing by the government."

The need of a comprehensive investigation of trade association according to the report, has been developed from the commission's other inquiries. Lack of adequate trade information has been found to be one of the chief obstacles in many industries to the operation of natural competitive forces, and where trade associations collect such information, it was discovered that temptation frequently results to control prices artificially and the channels of distribution. Publicity of trade association files, it is urged, would extend the knowledge of demand and supply and help to prevent abnormal fluctuations in prices, as well as tend the association activities of objectionable character.

Opportunity also is taken to rectify a misapprehension which the commission found to exist regarding a paragraph in its coal report, which said: "Whatever measure of success has marked the efforts of the commission with relation to anthracite coal has been largely because the car supply has been adequate by reason of the close corporate relation between rail transportation and anthracite production. Quite the contrary condition exists with relation to bituminous and rail transportation and with relation to water transportation as to both kinds of coal."

This statement, the report says, has been misinterpreted to mean that a close corporate relation between coal mining companies and transportation agencies is desirable. The report continues:

"On the contrary, the commission was seeking simply to show that if sufficient interest is present, transportation facilities in existence can be made adequately to care for stimulated production. The speedy movement of coal by interested transportation companies was pointed out to emphasize by contract the misuse of rolling stock by other transportation companies. The evils of a community of interest between coal producing and coal transporting companies are fully recognized by the commission. Directly as to anthracite, this is shown by abnormal freight rates which have been secured by interested transportation companies for the movement of such coal. In stead of being in the public interest, this community of corporate interest, therefore makes for unduly high prices of coal to the public and has in it the making of further monopoly."

New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Another wave of liquidation swept over the stock market yesterday, causing losses of 3 to 6 points in many issues. Selling was most active in the afternoon, when prices crumbled to the accompaniment of disturbing rumors.

Trading during the early and intermediate periods was light, but altogether at the expense of values. Ralls were at first inclined to ignore the prospects of government control, but soon led a reversal that gathered greater momentum at the end.

Practically all the leading rails dropped to lowest prices of the year, some touched their minimums for a period of years and a few made absolutely new minimums. Extreme recessions in this group ranged from 3 to 6 points.

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NAME FAIR PRICES FOR FOOD PRODUCTS

Flour Ought to Sell For \$1.57
Per Sack in This
State.

(By The Associated Press.)

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The price interpretation committee of the West Virginia food administration met today and fixed a schedule of prices that are to be paid by the dealer and the amount and no more than quoted by the consumer for foodstuffs. The schedule of prices arranged includes flour, corn meal, rye flour, barley, lima beans, prunes and sugar.

The weekly report of the interpretation committee for this state is given. The committee asks that all consumers who are asked to pay more for the commodities named communicate with the food administration, giving the name of the dealer. Sugar is arriving, now and the price will drop shortly. The schedule follows:

The supply of wheat flour in the Wheeling district is at present ample to meet all necessary demands. You must not insist on any particular brand. Do not lose sight of the absolute necessity of conserving wheat flour and using substitutes.

Best spring wheat: Retailer pays \$1.44 to \$1.57 for 1-2 sacks; Retailer should sell \$1.65 to \$1.70 for 1-2 sacks.

Winter wheat flour: Retailer pays \$1.25 for 1-2 sacks; retailer should sell at \$1.40 to \$1.45 for 1-2 sacks. Corn meal: Retailer pays 5 cents to 5 1/2 cents per pound; Retailer should sell at 7 cents to 7 1/2 cents per pound.

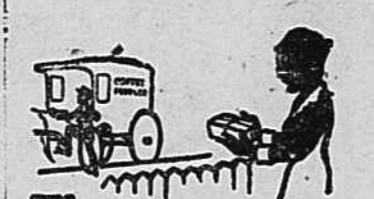
While corn meal is not as low in price as in former years, nevertheless, the point of prime importance is this—use more corn meal, use less wheat, because your food administration says it is imperative. Corn meal will be lower in price as soon as new crop corn is fit to grind.

Rye flour: Retailer pays \$1.44 to \$1.57 for 1-2 sacks; retailer should sell \$1.70 to \$1.80 for 1-2 sacks. Barley: Retailer pays 6 1/2 cents to 8 1/2 cents per pound; retailer should sell at 8 cents to 10 cents per pound.

Lima beans: Retailer pays 11 1/4 to 11 1/2 cents per pound; consumer pays 15 cents per pound.

We hesitate to fix a price on prunes because each size commands its own price, and, consequently, any figures we might submit, would admit of too wide variation. But we desire to inform the public that the price of this commodity is now 25 cents lower than its price of one year ago.

Sugar: Retailer pays per cwt.: \$8.75 to \$9.11; consumer pays per pound 10 cents to 11 cents. The sugar condition is just the same as last week. Prices will go lower. Don't hoard sugar. There will be ample shortly and you will buy for less.



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EAST SIDE NEWS

Attend Silver Wedding.
Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Cox went to Philippi today to attend a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor George given in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Very ill.
Jacob Harr is very ill at his home near the city. A trained nurse is in attendance and his condition is considered very grave.

Personals.
Miss Nuzum, of Gratton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Vincent, in Pittsburgh avenue.

Mrs. John Cox, of Morgantown avenue, is able to be out after a few days' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammill, who formerly resided in Morgantown avenue, have gone to the Watson hotel for the winter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Holland is still quite ill at her home in Reeves avenue.

M. B. Speelman, a teacher in the East Park school, will spend the week end with friends at Masontown.

Little Miss Julia Bahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bahl, of Guffey street, is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hatcliff in State street Monday, December 10.

D. S. Helmick, who has been ill for some time, is much better and able to be out again.

Mrs. J. C. Fletcher has returned from Little Falls where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wark Miller.

Grain and Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Assertions that little actual relief from car scarcity had yet been witnessed gave bulls an advantage yesterday in the corn market. Prices closed firm, 1/2 to 1/4 cent higher, with January 12 1/4, and May 11 1/4 to 11 1/2. Oats gained 1/4 to 1/2 to 1 1/4. Provisions finished unchanged to 20 cents lower.

	Open.	Close.
January	\$1.20 1/2	\$1.21 1/4
May	1.85 1/2	1.19 1/2
Oats—		
December	.72 1/2	.73 1/2
May	.76 1/2	.71 1/2
Pork—		
January	46.90	

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RED CROSS HOMES TO BE ILLUMINATED

Candles Will be Placed in
Windows at Members'
Homes.

A Red Cross Christmas Eve is being planned by that organization for use by millions of its members throughout the United States. In every home and place of business there is wanted a Red Cross Service Flag during Christmas week. Each member is being urged to light a candle behind the flag promptly at 7:30 o'clock on Christmas Eve, and to keep it lighted until 9 o'clock. All churches are asked to chime their bells at half-hour intervals between the same hours. Red Cross workers will be organized into groups and go singing Christmas carols through their neighborhoods.

Each Red Cross Service Flag distributed will have instructions printed on the back encouraging the members to take part in the ceremony on Christmas Eve by having a lighted candle in his window. Pastors will be asked to mention it in their sermons, and educational institutions will be asked for the privilege of explaining to the children the significance of the custom. It is expected that the desire of the community to participate in the Christmas Eve ceremony will be an interesting inducement for the securing of new memberships.

TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

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Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Fairmont, Fairmont, W. Va., will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, corner Adams and Jefferson Streets, City of Fairmont, County of Marion, State of West Virginia, on the second Tuesday in January, 1918, being the 8th day of said month at 3 P. M. or said day for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

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